

# Looking Forward

**T**he Initiative accelerates deployment of methane emission-reducing technologies and practices, which stimulate economic growth and energy security in GMI Partner Countries, improve local environmental quality, and help reduce the impacts of climate change.

The United States recognizes that methane mitigation is an essential part of the solution. The U.S. government will continue to strongly support methane reduction capacity-building and project development through GMI, focusing on the opportunities of the Methane Expo 2013.

Specific future efforts to be undertaken by the U.S. government include:

- **Vision for the Coming Year.** The United States will facilitate the continued growth and effectiveness of GMI, in addition to expanding our efforts in complementary areas (e.g., CCAC, UNFCCC). In 2012, the U.S. government will expend slightly more than \$8 million on GMI, primarily to provide capacity-building support to GMI developing countries. The United States is tailoring its approach within each sector and placing an additional emphasis on capacity-building and project opportunities in the following countries:

**Agriculture:** China, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Nicaragua, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam

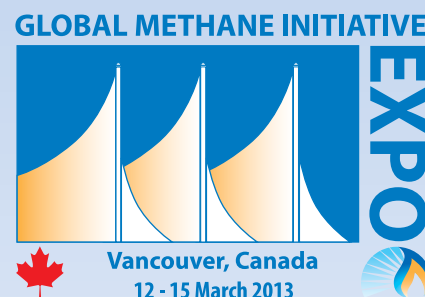
**Coal:** China, India, Russia, Ukraine

**Municipal Solid Waste:** Brazil, China, Indonesia, Ukraine

**Municipal Wastewater:** Chile, China, Mexico

**Oil & Gas:** China, Colombia, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Russia, Ukraine

- **Organizing the Methane Expo 2013.** The United States is pleased to be playing a leadership role—in partnership with the government of Canada—for the upcoming Methane Expo 2013, which will take place on 12–15 March 2013 in Vancouver. We will build on the success of the two previous Expos—held in Beijing, China in 2007 and New Delhi, India in 2010—by organizing world-class technical and policy sessions and showcasing project development opportunities and cutting-edge technologies and expertise.



- **Tracking and Promoting GMI-Related Emission Reductions.** EPA will continue to maintain and update the GMI project tracking system to facilitate information sharing. In particular, EPA will work with Partner Country delegates and Project Network members to ensure complete and accurate project information. We will encourage use of the Web interface to identify project opportunities and methane emission reductions associated with GMI activities.
- **Involvement in the Climate and Clean Air Coalition.** The U.S. government will remain actively involved in the CCAC and support its goal to address short-lived climate pollutants (SLCPs). In accordance with an October 2011 Steering Committee charge to the ASG, EPA will keep GMI apprised of Coalition activities that complement the Initiative's goals.